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In a "note verbale" dated January 11, the GOB Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed that the GOB will support the U.S. candidate, Mr. Pierre-Richard Prosper, for re-election to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Post will forward the "note verbale" to the Desk Officer.

The unofficial translation of the "note verbale" is as follows:

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria presents its compliment to the Embassy of the United States of America in Sofia and in response to the latter's request has the honor to inform that the Government of Bulgaria has decided to support the candidature of Mr. Pierre-Richard Prosper for re-election to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at the elections which will take place on the 17th January, 2008, in New York.

Within the framework of our traditional and beneficial co-operation, Bulgaria, for its part, would highly appreciate the favorable support of the United States of America for future appropriate Bulgarian candidates to elected bodies of international organizations, of which both countries are members.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America in Sofia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Sofia, 11th January, 2008"

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